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## GRAND JURY MAY PROBE "LABOR'S PEACE COUNCIL"

Financed by German Government, Belief of Attorney General.

### PART OF PROPAGANDA

Rep. Buchanan and Former Rep. Fowler Said to Be Involved.

### "WOLF OF WALL STREET" AGAIN

Lamar Said to Have Been Go-between for German Government and Repudiated Labor Organization.

Sensational disclosures as to the relations between agents of the German government and Labor's National Peace Council, an organization which conducted an extensive propaganda for a munitions embargo and other measures which, if carried out, would have embarrassed the enemies of Germany, are expected from an investigation being carried on by the Department of Justice.

It is understood the department soon will lay before the Federal grand jury at New York evidence intended to support a charge that this organization was financed by German agents and that its propaganda was part and parcel of the movement which had so many ramifications in the past several months.

It is said that among those whose names are likely to figure in the investigation are former Congressman H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois, Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, David Lamar, the "Wolf of Wall Street," and Herman Schulteis and Henry B. Martin. The two last named, Schulteis and Martin, were associated with Lamar in the Anti-Trust League, which was active several years ago in bringing about the Congressional investigation into the Steel corporation.

**Gomper's May Testify.**  
It was reported last night that subpoenas already have been issued for C. H. Canode, a printer, William F. L. Kramer, of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, both of Chicago, and for two other officials of the organization. There is doubt whether the Attorney General will summon Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar as witnesses. President Gomper of the American Federation of Labor also may be summoned. Mr. Gomper in Milwaukee last night refused to discuss the case.

The government's investigation of the organization has been under way since the summer months when it attempted seriously to embarrass the administration by creating public sentiment against its policy of defending the right of American manufacturers to the unrestricted exportation of munitions to the belligerent countries.

The evidence, it was said, indicates the precise sum—said to be \$100,000—was advanced the officials of the Peace Council to finance their munitions propaganda and shows in addition records of the transactions in which these funds changed hands.

It was predicted last night that the government will attempt to prove that David Lamar was the actual go-between for some of the council's officials and the German financial agents.

Labor's Peace Council was organized early last June and its representatives made their first appearance at the National Capital soon thereafter. Resolutions embodying proposals for international peace were used as talking instrumentalities for a propaganda, which seemed to be in behalf of German interests.

Attacks by President Gomper and rumors which got about as to the source from which its war bags were filled helped to disrupt it.

## Castle to Enlist for England.

Boston, Dec. 5.—Vernon Castle has closed his engagement with "Watch Your Step" here and is going to England and enlist in the aviation corps of the British army. Mrs. Castle will remain with the company. Before going to England Mr. Castle will spend two weeks in California practicing flying. He is an Englishman and a graduate of Oxford.

## A Christmas Thought

—The Christmas spirit is essentially that of thinking of the happiness of others. Carry it out to the fullest extent and

## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early

—Think about the happiness and comfort of those who serve you in the stores and relieve them of the unnecessary toil attendant upon "last-minute scrambling" for gifts.

## German General Issues Edict to the Serbians

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
Rotterdam, Dec. 5.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, of the German army, has issued the following proclamation to the Serbian people:

"Serbians: In consequence of the hostile attitude of your King and government the allied armies of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria have entered your country.

"We have beaten the Serbian army, but as long as the last remnants of that army still fight we shall oppose them.

"We fight only against the army; not against the Serbian people. He who does not resist the allied armies is safe in life and property.

"Therefore, I make appeal to the Serbian population to return to your dwellings, resume your business and submit voluntarily to the orders and regulations of the military commanders in order that rest shall return to your lives after much suffering.

"Then it will be possible for us to help you to regain your former prosperity. We will take care that the damage you have suffered through no fault of your own shall be made good."

## CONGRESS TO BEGIN TODAY

Mighty Problems Confronting Nation's Legislators Due to War.

### CAREFUL HANDLING NEEDED TO SAVE U. S. NEUTRALITY

Threatened Financial Crisis Another of Many Important Matters to Be Considered.

The Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States will open today, confronting political and legislative problems unparalleled in recent history.

Chief among them are: An international situation, brought about by the European war, which demands immediate attention; earnest consideration and delicate handling of the neutrality of the United States is to be safeguarded.

A demand for immediate and material improvement in the military and naval preparedness of the nation, calling for extensive expenditures for the national defense in every direction.

An impending national election, with the Democratic administration seeking to complete its record of achievement before next November, and a crop of budding Presidential and Vice Presidential aspirants among the Congressional personnel, particularly in the Senate.

### Narrow Democratic Majority.

A narrow Democratic majority in the House, confronted by a vigorous, aggressive experienced Republican minority, that it will take advantage of any slight Democratic defection to secure the balance of power.

A threatened crisis in the financial affairs of the government, with a depleted treasury demanding increased revenues for normal expenditures as well as to meet the appropriations for defense.

A mass of miscellaneous domestic legislation, which includes the much-disputed administration plan to purchase merchant ships for use in the foreign trade.

### Probable Long Session.

The extent and importance of these problems make it practically certain that Congress will be at work through the greater part of next summer, and probably right up to the November election.

The House will be made up of 228 Democrats, 197 Republicans, six Progressives, one Socialist, and one Independent, with one seat vacant. This will give the Democrats the scant margin of twenty-four votes over the entire minority. In the Senate the Democrats will have fifty-six members and the Republicans forty.

The administration preparedness program will call for extensive consideration, both in the usual appropriation bills extending the military and naval establishments. The program will encounter stern opposition, particularly in the House.

### NO TROOPS FOR EGYPT.

Rome, Dec. 5.—It is learned that Emperor Franz Josef has refused to send Austrian troops to aid the Germans and Turks in the proposed expedition against Egypt.

The Emperor contends that all available Austrian forces are needed to defend Austria's western frontiers against Italy.

**Sarah Bernhardt Ill in Paris.**  
Paris, Dec. 5.—Sarah Bernhardt, the famous French tragedienne, is suffering from congestion of the lungs. Her physicians announced tonight that although their patient was feverish, there was no cause for alarm regarding her condition.

## D. C. MURDER RATE DOUBLES

Twenty-five Arrests in 1915 to Twelve in Preceding Year.

### PULLMAN'S REPORT SHOWS MARKED CRIME INCREASE

Police Superintendent Asks Congress for Twenty Additional Privates and Fifteen More Men Annually.

An increase in crime in the District of Columbia has been announced by Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police, in the annual report of the police department released for publication yesterday. There were twice as many murders as in the preceding year.

During the fiscal year, 1,669 arrests were made for felonies, as opposed to 1,192 in the preceding year. Twenty-five arrests were made on murder charges, as against twelve in 1914. Arrests for all offenses, including violations of regulations and notifications to appear in court, totaled 37,219. The number for 1914, including petty offenses and transgressions of police regulations, was twenty-two more, or 37,241.

In recommending an increase in the number of policemen, Maj. Pullman says:

### Force Has Been Cut.

"The District of Columbia is one of the few cities in the world in which the police force has been decreased as the population of the city has increased. The city at the present time has less policemen than it had ten years ago, when the number was 715, and has twenty less than during the fiscal year, 1912, when the number was 735. The present numerical strength of the force is only 715, and request is made for an increase of twenty in the number of privates, which will bring the force up to its numerical strength of four years ago.

"Fifteen or twenty new men each year are necessary of the city is to be given adequate protection and if crime is to be kept at a minimum as the population grows larger and police problems become more and more complex."

The report declares the "social problem" has thus far worked out with satisfactory results. Strict attention has been given to the enforcement of all laws regulating vice, and as a result of the activities of the officers engaged in this work, 419 arrests were made in the fiscal year and fines aggregating \$5,236 were paid into the court.

A retirement law effecting policemen is recommended as a substitute for the present law, based on the fine system. The change is recommended for several reasons, one being that the bulk of the pension fund comes from police court fines.

### Pullman Wants Policemen.

Maj. Pullman recommends the employment of policemen by the District. He also recommends the consolidation of the Metropolitan police force and the police under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, with the exception of the police at the Capitol and on the Agricultural grounds.

The report recommends an increase in the pay of police captains from \$1,500 a year to \$1,800; of lieutenants from \$1,200 to \$1,500, and increased pay for sergeants, detectives and the civilian employees of the police department. It is suggested that six detectives be added to the force at police headquarters.

Three special agents, unknown to the underworld, are asked for the detection of hand-book making, illegal selling of liquor and violations of the "red light" law.

Estimates for the department's expenses for the ensuing year aggregate \$1,602,231.34, or \$12,630.85 more than was asked for last year.

## GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO CHALLENGES DEPUTY

Noted Italian Poet Seeks Duel to Wipe Out Alleged Insulting Remarks.

Rome, Dec. 5.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, the noted Italian poet, has challenged Deputy Mazzoni Grazzini to fight a duel. The challenge is based on alleged insulting remarks said to have reflected on the honor of the poet.

The derogatory remarks were said to have been made in Parliament on Saturday.

### SETON QUITS SCOUTS.

Noted Writer Charges Boy Are Taught "Jingoism."

New York, Dec. 5.—Ernest Thompson Seton, writer of widely-read animal stories and one of the organizers of the Boy Scouts of America, announced tonight that he has permanently withdrawn from the scout organization. He accuses James E. West, present chief scout executive, of "jingoism" and of lack of sympathy with Boy Scout ideals.

In reply to Mr. Seton's statement, Collin H. Livingston, president of the Boy Scouts of America, says: "Mr. Seton's motive is as apparent as it is unfriendly and selfish. It is given out just on the eve of the opening of our campaign to raise \$200,000 for the Boy Scouts of New York City."

## Ford's Peace Ship Far at Sea But People Still Clamor to Get in on Second Joy Ride

Headquarters in New York Besieged by Women and One Man with Whiskers, but a Poor Voice for Song. Hotel Employees Happy Over Tips.

### Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 5.—It is not at all certain that Norway will be glad to see Henry Ford. From Copenhagen, tonight, came the disturbing tidings that it is possible that the peace argonauts will not be allowed to land in Christiania. These disconcerting rumors have not reached the Oscar II. His stanch bearer of Henry Ford and his guests is well out at sea.

### Applicants in Plenty.

But it will be a couple of weeks before the Biltmore Hotel will have seen the last applicant for a berth in Ford's Peace Argosy.

All today the Ford headquarters on the seventh floor of the Biltmore were invaded by earnest-looking men and women who want to climb aboard the Friedrich VIII and help restore peace to Europe. The fact that the headquarters was closed made no difference. And

the fact that the Friedrich VIII will take only those who were invited to sail on the Oscar II and failed, made no difference.

Fully 100 applicants visited the hotel. The vast majority were elderly women. They were armed with palm leaves and white pennants. They wore streamers with "Peace on earth, good will to mankind" printed thereon. One deep-chested man with a tremendous array of whiskers started to sing a solo in the lobby. House detectives nabbed him.

### Hotel Folk Sorry and Glad.

The Biltmore is both sorry and glad that the peace-makers have come. They are glad that the future is over. The bell boys, clerks, waiters, porters and book boys are sorry that Mr. Ford did not stay longer. They figure that inasmuch as he left nearly \$1,000 behind in tips, this bounty would be doubled had he stayed another week.

The envoys will be received on the steps of the Capitol by the Senators and Representatives at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The promises of many from both Houses that they will be present have been secured by the union. In the afternoon the envoys, together with 100 distinguished guests, will be received by President Wilson in the East Room of the White House.

But one mishap appears to have marred the preparations. A half-mile of signatures, one section of the monster petition to be submitted to Congress, had not arrived last night. It is somewhere between Wilmington, Del., and Washington, having been sent by express to the headquarters here Friday.

### Nish-Sofia Railway Open.

Sofia, Dec. 5.—Railway communication has been re-established and traffic commences today between Nish and Sofia.

## George Miner Now Writing For The Washington Herald



George Miner was for four years editor of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, later Sunday editor of the New York World, then for ten years Sunday editor of the New York Herald, after which he represented the New York Herald for six years in London and Paris, where he wrote his famous "First Nighter" letters, which were featured on this side of the water in no less than sixty-five papers. After his return to this country for over three years Mr. Miner was Sunday editor of the New York Sun.

Now Mr. Miner will write every day of people and places and incidents that you want to know about—and he will tell you facts that you will not find elsewhere.

His articles will be exclusive stories and fascinating anecdotes that only a man of his cosmopolitan acquaintance and experience can get. To give our readers still another exclusive and delightful feature, we have engaged Mr. Miner to produce these letters for us. The first of these letters appears in today's issue.

Mr. Miner is another journalistic star of the first magnitude to become a contributor to The Herald with such other famous writers as Rudyard Kipling, John Kendrick Bangs, John L. Balderston, John D. Barry, Capt. E. B. Johns, Mary Pickford, Mabel Herbert Urner, Lillian Whitney, M. D., and others who are writing for The Washington Herald.

You get, in The Washington Herald, the most complete newspaper from a news standpoint in Washington, and in addition you get the latest productions from the pens of the foremost writers of the day.

## Kaiser, Reported Ill, Quits Directing Army

London, Dec. 5.—The Kaiser is in ill-health and is no longer directing the military operations, according to Berlin advices to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The dispatch states that the Emperor recently has become morose and silent and his changed demeanor has given his physicians cause for grave anxiety.

## HE CALLS ON WILSON TO ACT

Bryan Demands the President Make Immediate Effort for Peace.

### SAYS OFFER OF MEDIATION IS DUTY DUE HUMANITY

Hopes Congress Will Assure Executive of Its Support in Anything He Does to End War.

President Wilson is called upon to make an immediate effort to bring about peace in Europe in a statement issued last night by former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan. An immediate offer of mediation, the former Secretary says, is demanded "on the ground of humanity."

The Bryan statement follows the former Secretary's trip to New York, where he had an encouraging "Godspeed" to the unofficial peace envoys on their way to Europe with Henry Ford.

It comes on the eve of the assembling of Congress, and Mr. Bryan expresses the hope that the national legislature will at once assure the President of its support in any efforts he may make toward peace.

Mr. Bryan's statement, in part, follows:

### Wants Congress to Act.

"I hope that Congress will at once assure the President of its readiness to support him in any effort which he may see fit to make to hasten the restoration of peace in Europe. He offered mediation at the beginning of the war, but that time more than two million men have been killed, more than 5,000,000 have been wounded and more than \$20,000,000,000 have been expended.

### "U. S. Shares in Suffering."

"Our nation not only shares the sufferings of other neutral nations, but the war is being used as a reason for demanding a change in our national policy which lowers our ideals and puts us into a mad rivalry with Europe in the increase of military and naval expenditures. To be the means of bringing the war to an end would not only add to our moral influence, but it might save the country a billion or more in taxes, and it would also put an end to the manufactured scares which are being used to frighten the public. The other neutral nations wait on us."

### "GOD DEMANDS DIVIDENDS."

For He Furnishes the Capital, According to Rev. Mr. MacMurray.

God is the supreme capitalist, the furnisher of the principal and raw material of every business enterprise, and as such He is entitled to dividends on His investment. This is the view taken by Rev. John MacMurray, who preached in the Union M. E. Church last night on "God's Dividends."

### BOMB PLOTS IN SAXONY.

Hundreds Killed by Explosions in Halle Munitions Factory.

Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—Several hundred persons were killed in a series of explosions today in the ammunition factory at Halle, in Prussian Saxony. The explosions destroyed the factory. Private advices forwarded by way of Kolding, a Danish town, brought first news of the disaster.

Discontented workmen are suspected.

### German Birth Rate Takes Big Drop.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—German statistics from the leading twenty-four German cities show that the birth rate decreased in April, May, June and July of 1915, fully 20 per cent, as compared with the corresponding months of 1914. This is equivalent to the loss of 400,000 births annually throughout the German empire.

## ITALY PLEDGES SELF NOT TO NEGOTIATE A SEPARATE PEACE

Representatives of Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan Also Signatories—All Conditions Must Be by Mutual Agreement.

## DECLARATION MADE IN LONDON

Paris Announces Personnel of Important Franco-British Conference in Calais Saturday on "Questions of Immediate Moment"—Lasted Four Hours.

### Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 5.—The official press bureau tonight issued for publication the following from the foreign office:

"The Italian government having decided to accede to the declaration between the British, French, and Russian governments, signed in London, on September 5, 1914, which declaration was acceded to by the Japanese government on December 19, 1915, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, declare as follows:

"The British, French, Italian, Japanese and Russian governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war.

"The five governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed no one of the allies will demand conditions of peace without previous agreement with each of the other allies.

"Done at London this 5th day of November, 1915."

"E. GRAY, "PAUL CAMBON, "IMPERIALI, "INOUE, "BENCENOROFF."

The signatories are, respectively, the British minister of foreign affairs and the ambassadors in London from France, Italy, Japan and Russia.

### Conference at Calais.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The foreign office this afternoon issued the following official statement:

"An important Franco-British conference was held at Calais on Saturday. The British representatives were Premier Asquith, Arthur J. Balfour, Lord Kitchener, Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the general staff, and Under Secretary Clarke, of the foreign office. The French representatives were Premier Briand, who was accompanied by M. de Margerie, political director of the foreign office; Gen. Gallieni, French minister of war, who was accompanied by Gen. Grabiani, chief of the French general staff; Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, accompanied by Admiral Jonquieres, chief of the French naval staff, and Gen.-in-Chief Joffre, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Belle.

"The ministers arrived at Calais at 1 p. m. and lunched together. A conference ensued, which lasted from 2:30 until 2 p. m. The deliberations referred to questions of immediate moment.

"At night the ministers returned to Paris and London, respectively."

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## GREEK DESTROYER GOES TO HUNT FOR U. S. SHIP

State Department Informed of Effort to Find Vessel Reported Torpedoed.

A cablegram to the State Department last night from Garrett Dropers, United States Minister at Athens, states that the Greek government has sent a torpedo destroyer to search for the American steamer said to have been attacked yesterday by a submarine somewhere south of the island of Crete. Mr. Dropers' message said that he had been informed of the report by the Greek government.

The government wireless had intercepted a message from an American steamer, "whose name was unintelligible." She stated that she was being attacked by a submarine.

The Navy Department says that the call could not have been from either the Caesar or the Ues Moines, which are in the eastern Mediterranean. Neither vessel was within 500 miles of the point from which the call was sent.

## British Cabinet to Cut Own Salaries.

London (Monday), Dec. 6.—The Daily Express says it is understood that the British cabinet ministers have agreed to show an example of self-sacrifice to the rest of the nation by foregoing part of their official salaries. The proposal is that their salaries shall be cut down one-third. This reduction would average \$7,075 each.